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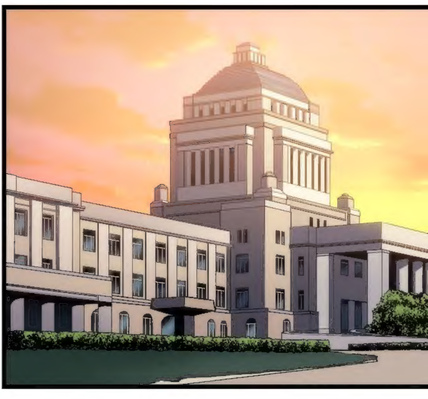


SHEESH... THE BLADES, PHANTOMS, INVINCIBLE KINGS, AND SNOWY MOUNTAINS...
I CAN'T BELIEVE ALL OF THE GUILD MASTERS OF THE MAJOR GUILDS IN JAPAN HAVE BEEN CALLED HERE TODAY...
THIS MUST BE A HUGE DEAL.

WHOA...! LOOK!
ISN'T THAT SUGIMOTO REIJI, THE VICE GUILD MASTER OF THE BLADE GUILD?
AND THOSE ARE THEIR STRONGEST S-RANKS!

YOU IDIOT. HE'S THE GUILD MASTER NOW, NOT THE VICE GUILD MASTER.

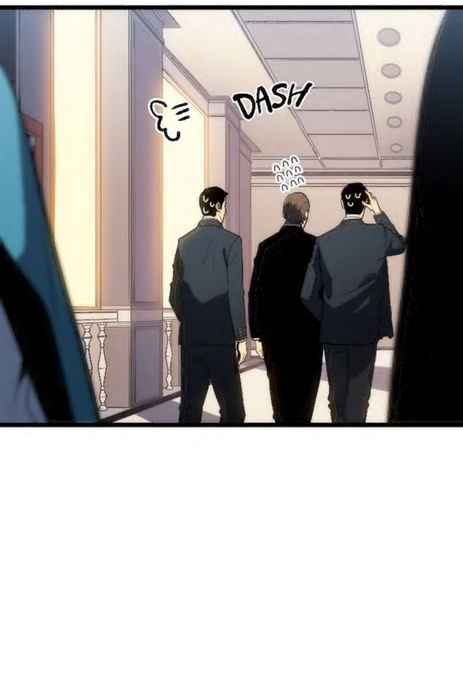
THE BLADES LOST SEVEN S-RANKS DURING THE JEJU ISLAND RAID, INCLUDING GOTO RYUJI, RIGHT?

YEAH, I HEARD IT WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE CARRYING OUT CHAIRMAN MATSUMOTO'S CROOKED SCHEME.

WELL, THEY HELD A MONOPOLY OF S-RANKS, SO SERVES THEM RIGHT!

THE BLADE GUILD'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED NOW.

WHO KNOWS? IF WE PLAY OUR CARDS RIGHT, WE MIGHT HAVE A SHOT AT BECOMING THE GREATEST GUILD IN JAPAN...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THOSE LOSERS COULDN'T EVEN LOOK US IN THE EYE BEFORE, BUT THEY'RE GETTING COCKY NOW THAT MR. GOTO'S GONE.

OPPORTUNISTIC BASTARDS.

...I HEARD A RUMOR GOING AROUND ABOUT THE PHANTOM GUILD ACQUIRING THE SNOWY MOUNTAIN GUILD.

THOSE TWO GUILDS COMBINED HAVE FOUR S-RANKS,

THE SAME AS US.

SO THEY THINK MERGING WILL MAKE THEM THE BEST GUILD IN JAPAN, HUH?

HOW RIDICULOUS.

EVEN IF EVERY GUILD WERE TO COMBINE FORCES, THEY WOULD STILL BE NO MATCH FOR US.

WHY HASN'T THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION SAID ANYTHING YET?!

AN S-RANK GATE HAS SPAWNED IN THE HEART OF TOKYO, AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THE ASSOCIATION DOESN'T HAVE ANY COUNTERMEASURES IN PLACE?!

TELL US THE TRUTH!

WHAT IF A DUNGEON BREAK OCCURS? WHAT THEN?!

EVEN S-RANK HUNTERS AREN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO CLEAR S-RANK GATES.

BUT NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTERS, ON THE OTHER HAND...

PRIME MINISTER, YOU'VE SUMMONED ALL OF THE GUILD MASTERS OF JAPAN'S MAJOR GUILDS HERE TODAY, SO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ASKING SUCH AN OBVIOUS QUESTION.

WE ALL SAW WHAT HAPPENED ON JEJU ISLAND. IT'S PRETTY CLEAR WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

PESSIMISTIC REMARKS WON'T HELP THIS SITUATION, EITHER. WE NEED TO BE DISCUSSING CONCRETE PLANS.

THAT SAID, HOW ABOUT WE HIRE THOMAS ANDRE?

YOU THINK THIS COUNTRY STILL HAS THE FUNDS TO RECRUIT SOMEONE LIKE THAT?

BESIDES, WE'RE CURRENTLY SEARCHING FOR AVAILABLE HUNTERS AROUND THE WORLD, BUT BECAUSE OF THE SUDDEN SPIKE IN THE NUMBER OF GATES, THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL OF COUNTRIES THAT CAN SEND US HUNTERS.

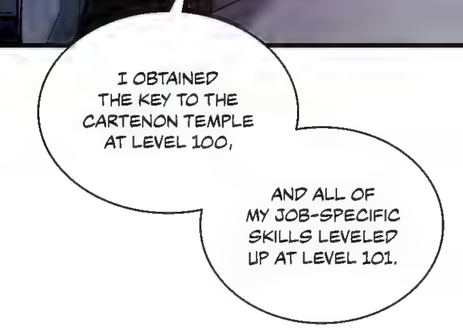
...I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY HUNTERS WILL BE WILLING TO TACKLE AN S-RANK GATE.

THERE'S ONE.
A HUNTER WHO'S WILLING TO HELP AS LONG AS HE'S PAID.

THE BARRIER SPECIALIST, YURI ORLOFF.

I PLAN ON HIRING HIM FOR THIS MISSION.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M LEVEL 101 NOW.


I OBTAINED THE KEY TO THE CARTENON TEMPLE AT LEVEL 100,
AND ALL OF MY JOB-SPECIFIC SKILLS LEVELED UP AT LEVEL 101.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I REACH LEVEL 102.

I WONDER HOW JINHO'S HOLDING UP BY HIMSELF.

IT'S NICE HAVING A VICE GUILD MASTER WHO'S SO MOTIVATED, BUT WE SHOULD DEFINITELY HIRE MORE PEOPLE...

HM?

AH.

TURN

SWISH
KYAA!
Bakery
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM ME?

AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEAR MY OFFICE?
UH...

W, WELL...

I, I LEFT MY CAR... IN YOUR PARKING LOT, SO...

OH!

I FORGOT SHE LEFT HER CAR HERE BECAUSE WE USED SHADOW EXCHANGE LAST TIME.

UM...

ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW?

...?

WHY DID YOU TAKE THAT PHOTO WITH YOO SOOHYUN?

DOES SHE REALLY WORK FOR YOU NOW? IF SO, WHY WAS SHE HIRED AND NOT ME?

ISN'T AN S-RANK BETTER THAN AN A-RANK?

ARE THE TWO OF YOU DATING...?

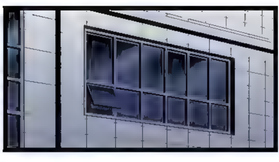
WINCE

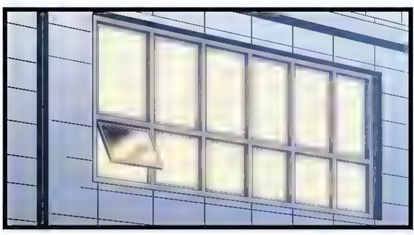
I ASK BECAUSE...

...MIN BYUNG-GU WANTED ME TO RELAY A MESSAGE TO YOU...

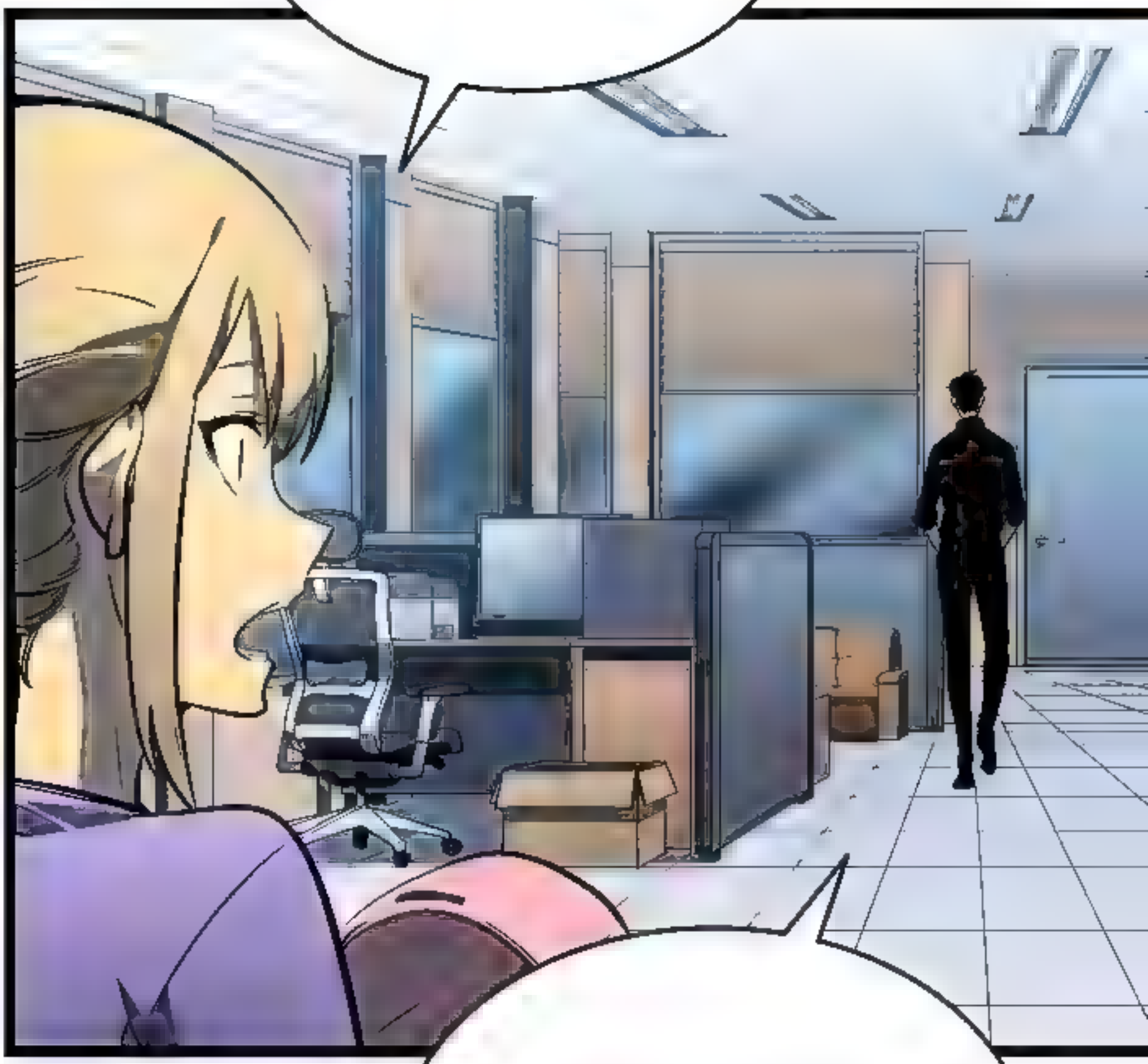
...ABOUT YOUR POWERS.

HOLD ON.
LET'S TALK UPSTAIRS.



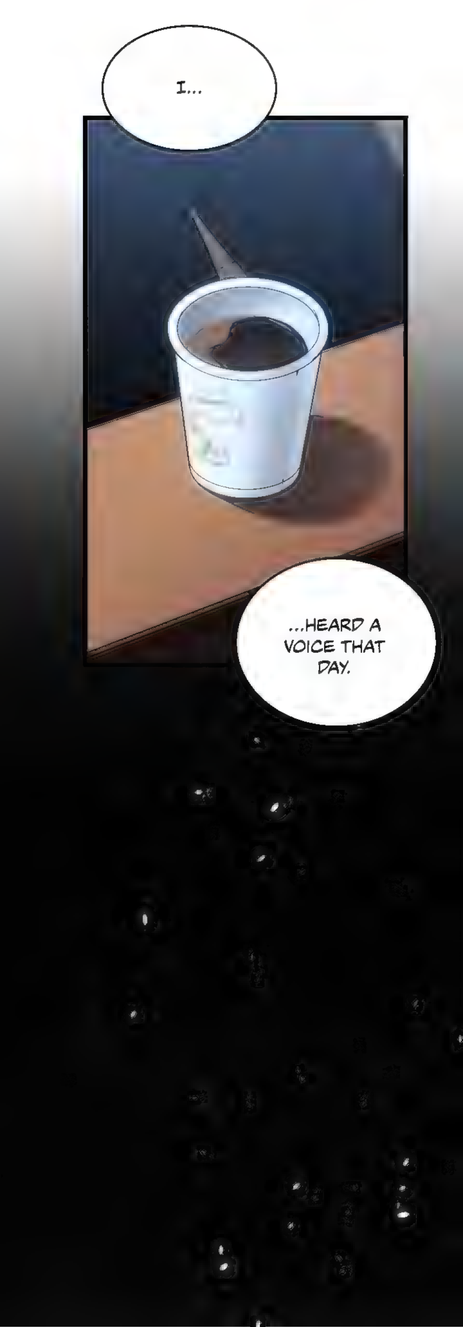


WHY ISN'T ANYONE HERE?



THE VICE GUILD MASTER IS STILL OUT ON BUSINESS.

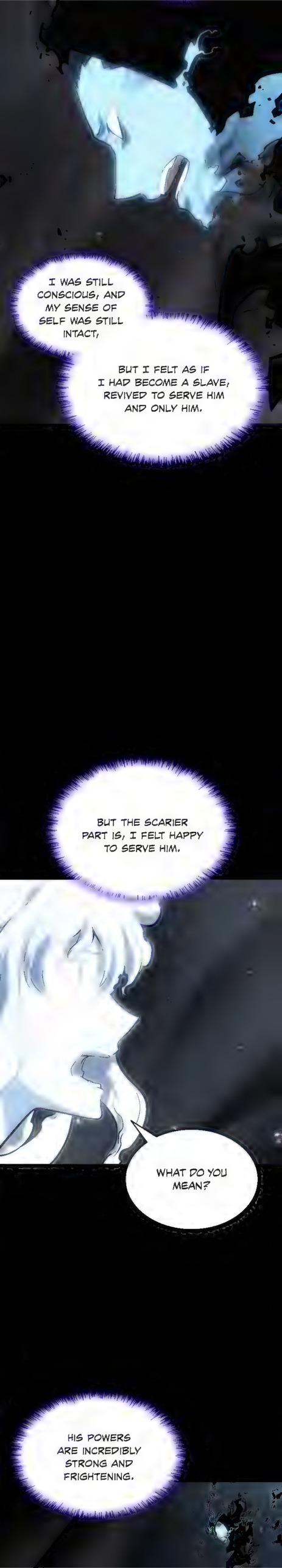
THEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US?!
SO TELL ME.
JOLT
HOW DID MIN BYUNG-GU MANAGE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR ME WITH YOU, MS. CHA?


I...
...HEARD A VOICE THAT DAY.

PLEASE TELL HIM...
GRAB

TELL HIM TO BE CAREFUL OF THE POWERS THAT LIE WITHIN HIM.

SOMEONE PULLED ME OUT OF AN ENDLESS DARKNESS,
BUT I WAS NO LONGER MYSELF.

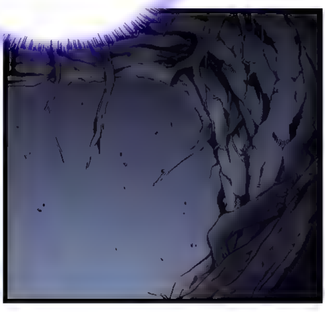

I WAS STILL CONSCIOUS, AND MY SENSE OF SELF WAS STILL INTACT,
BUT I FELT AS IF I HAD BECOME A SLAVE, REVIVED TO SERVE HIM AND ONLY HIM.
BUT THE SCARIER PART IS, I FELT HAPPY TO SERVE HIM.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HIS POWERS ARE INCREDIBLY STRONG AND FRIGHTENING.

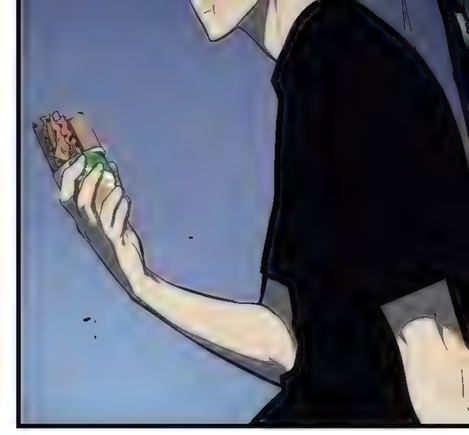
HE MUST
BE INFORMED
OF THIS.

REMEMBER.

SUNG JINWOO'S TRUE ARMY IS...

HIS TRUE ARMY IS...!

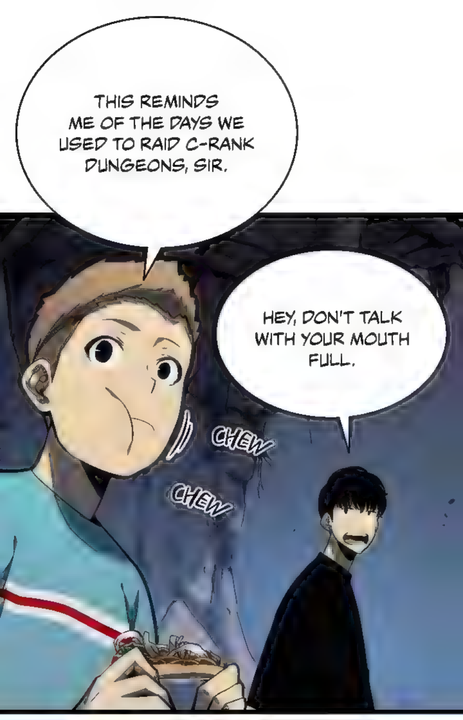




I WONDER IF WHAT SHE SAID IS TRUE...

EITHER WAY, I NEED TO FIND OUT THE SOURCE OF MY POWERS.

AT THIS POINT, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN BECOMING A STRONGER HUNTER.


THIS REMINDS ME OF THE DAYS WE USED TO RAID C-RANK DUNGEONS, SIR.
HEY, DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL.
CHEW
CHEW

YOUR SHADOW SOLDIERS CAN MOVE ON THEIR OWN,
SO WHY NOT JUST GO ABOUT YOUR OWN BUSINESS AND LET THEM DO ALL THE WORK?
I CAN'T DO THAT.

I GET LESS EXPERIENCE POINTS THE FARTHER AWAY I AM, AND...
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THESE GUYS WILL DO WHEN I'M NOT LOOKING.
CHOMP

CHOMP
UWAH!!

BY THE WAY, HOW'S YOUR SISTER DOING?
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT...

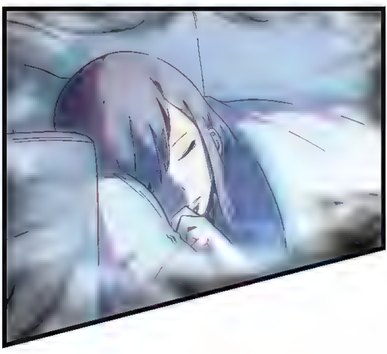
THE DOCTORS SAID SHE NEEDS REST FOR THE TIME BEING.
MY MOST TRUSTWORTHY SHADOW IS LOOKING AFTER HER, SO SHE SHOULD BE SAFE.

COME TO THINK OF IT...
...I SHOULD CHECK UP ON HER.
SKILL
SKILL: SHADOW PRESERVATION LV.2
HOB-SPECIFIC SKILL
NO MANA REQUIRED
SHADOW SOLDIERS CAN BE ABSORBED AND PRESERVED BY THE SUMMONER
PRESERVED SOLDIERS CAN BE SUMMONED AT ANY TIME, OR BE REABSORBED FOR LATER USE.
LV.2 EFFECT: 'SHARED SENSES'
YOU MAY PERCEIVE THE SENSES OF A PRESERVED SHADOW SOLDIER
NUMBER OF PRESERVED SHADOWS: 840/840
"SHARED SENSES."
WITH THIS EFFECT, I CAN SEE WHAT MY SHADOW SOLDIER SEES.
LET'S SEE WHAT JINAH IS UP TO RIGHT NOW...

WHOOSH

YOUR MAJESTY!
YOU MUST UPHOLD YOUR HONOR AS THE GREAT KING OF OUR COUNTRY!

YOUR MAJESTY!!
I IMPLORE YOU TO RECONSIDER, YOUR MAJESTY!!

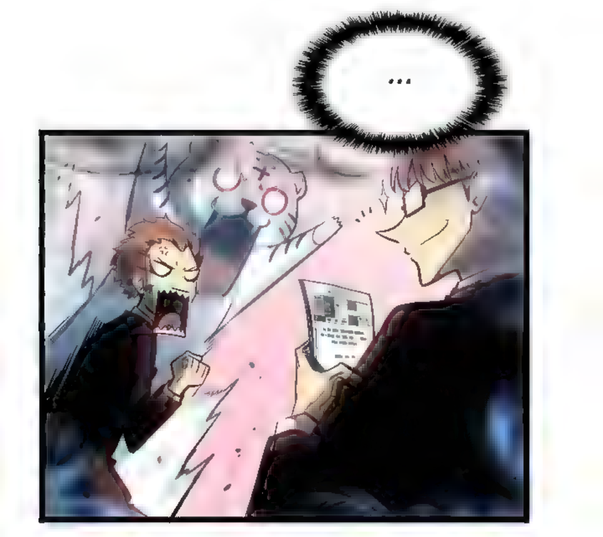


YOUR MAJESTY!!
YOUR MAJESTY!!

JINAH IS FAST ASLEEP.

SO THIS IS WHY BERU STARTED TALKING ALL FUNNY.
DOES HE LIKE WATCHING PERIOD DRAMAS?

ANYWAY, I SHOULD ALSO CHECK IN ON THE OTHERS...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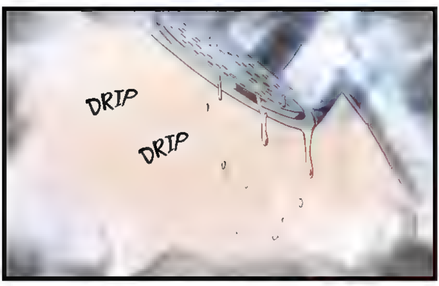
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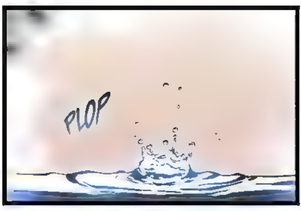
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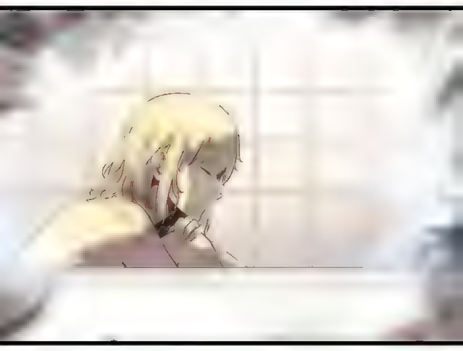
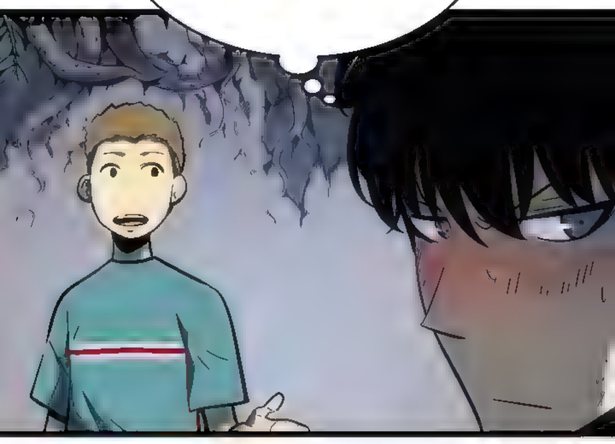


SIR? DID YOU DOZE OFF FOR A SECOND?
JOLT
N, NO!!

I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR THAT... MAYBE I'LL BUY HER DINNER OR SOMETHING.



BY THE WAY, SIR. DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS?

AN S-RANK GATE SPAWNED IN SHINJUKU,

AND IF IT ISN'T CLEARED WITHIN THREE DAYS, THERE'S GOING TO BE A DUNGEON BREAK.

I HEARD JAPAN'S BEEN RECRUITING HUNTERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. HAVE THEY CONTACTED YOU YET, SIR?

HAS IT ALREADY BEEN THAT LONG SINCE IT SPAWNED?

YEAH, I GOT A CALL, BUT I'M STILL THINKING IT OVER BECAUSE I HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS TO ATTEND TO.

ITEM

[NAME] KEY TO THE CARTENON TEMPLE
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: ??
TYPE: KEY

A KEY THAT ALLOWS YOU TO ENTER THE CARTENON TEMPLE. THIS ITEM MAY BE USED AT A DESIGNATED GATE. THE LOCATION OF THE GATE WILL BE REVEALED AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME HAS PASSED.

TIME LEFT: 26 HOURS, 51 MINUTES, 49 SECONDS

AN INVITATION FROM THE SYSTEM ITSELF.

I WONDER WHAT KINDS OF ANSWERS I'LL FIND IN HERE.

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU?

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU TOLD ME?

WELL, THERE'S ONLY A DAY LEFT,

SO I'LL FIND OUT THE TRUTH SOON ENOUGH.

IF YOU'RE DONE EATING, LET'S GO. WE HAVE WORK TO DO.

DASH!

YES, SIR!

I AM YURI ORLOFF.

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW ALREADY, PEOPLE CALL ME THE BEST SUPPORT-TYPE HUNTER IN THE WORLD.

YURI ORLOFF

S-RANK HUNTER

I HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK OVER THE FILES THE BLADE GUILD SENT ME,

AND I'VE GOT TO SAY,

IT WAS SMART OF YOU TO EVACUATE ALL THE CITIZENS.

CHUG

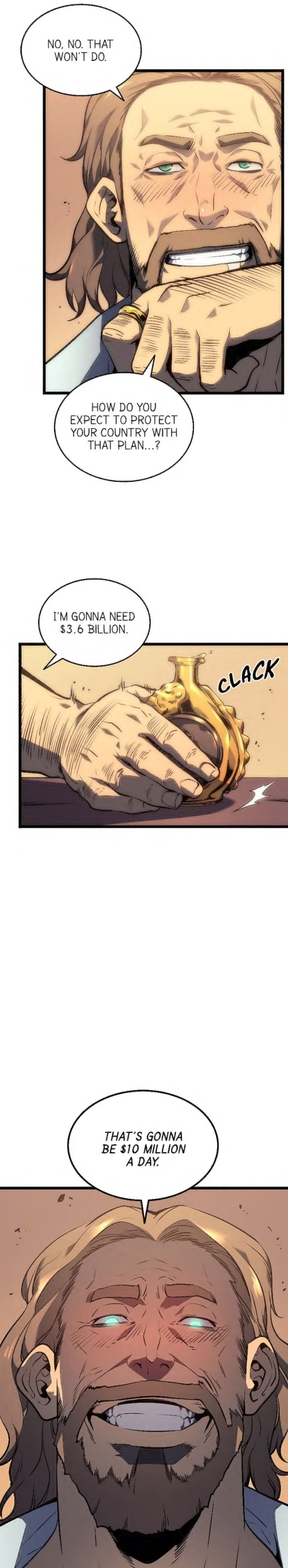
HOWEVER, IT SEEMS YOU LACK MANPOWER.

IS IT TRUE THAT JAPAN CAN ONLY SEND SIX S-RANKS ON THIS MISSION?

YES.

ONE S-RANK FROM EACH GUILD MUST STAY BEHIND TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE A-RANK GATES THAT HAVE APPEARED ACROSS JAPAN.

THE SAME GOES FOR OUR GUILD. THE THREE OF US ARE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RAID WHILE ONE S-RANK HUNTER STAYS BEHIND.


NO, NO. THAT WON'T DO.
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO PROTECT YOUR COUNTRY WITH THAT PLAN...?
I'M GONNA NEED $3.6 BILLION.
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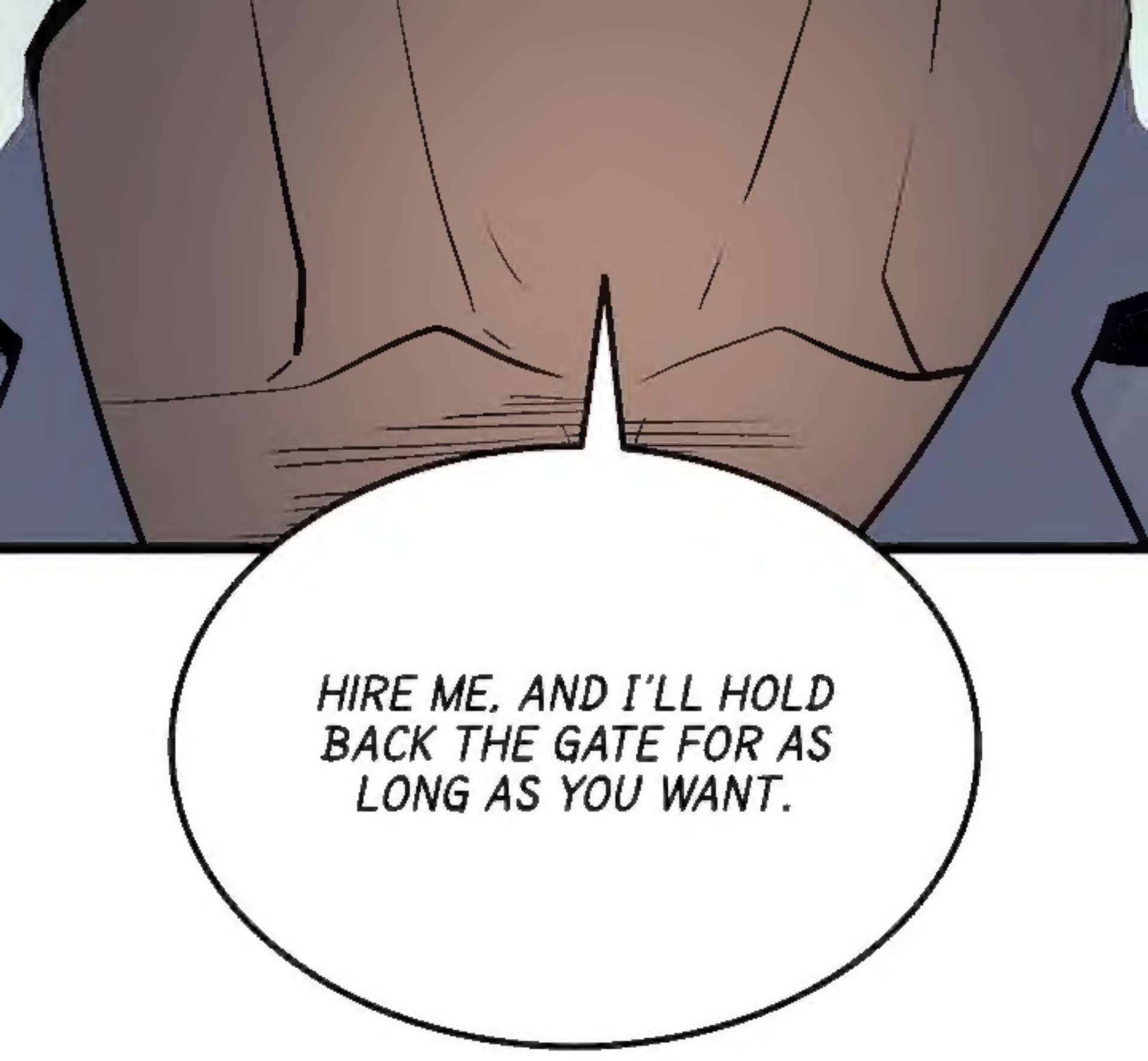
THAT'S GONNA BE $10 MILLION A DAY.



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